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Taking a central position in the hall, the skeleton raises one long bony arm high into the air and after this manner begins to speak:

"Mr. Toastmaster and Gentlemen: It affords me unbounded gratification to appear before you on this occasion. I see you don't recognize me yet, but you'll find out who I am by and by. I have been slandered and misrepresented in this meeting and I come here to vindicate myself. I come here to make a speech in reply to the honorable gentleman from Nebraska who has just taken his seat. I shall announce as my subject, 'The Blunders of Bryan,' and before proceeding further I will tell you who I am. I am Thomas Jefferson. I have come back from the silence of the grave to be present at this meeting, in order that I might have a chance to correct the wrong impressions concerning me that are being inculcated into the minds of the younger generation by the teachings of the so-called present-day democrats. During my lifetime on earth I was a servant of the people and I tried to serve them well. I wrote the declaration of American Independence a paper which for more than a hundred years has been recognized as the most powerful document ever penned by mortal man. The truths which I set down in that document have come to be the way-bill and the standard of government for more than eight million American citizens, and they are looked upon in every civilized land as the most vital truths—the most all-embracing expressions of justice and right—that ever emanated from the brain of mortal man.

"Just one hundred years ago I purchased from France the great territory of Louisiana. And the greatest World's Fair in all the history of the world is being conducted at the city of St. Louis this summer in honor and commemoration of that purchase. I believed at the time that I was doing right in making the purchase, and the general consensus of opinion from all the most progressive thinkers of the present age seem to have upheld me in that belief.

"In the face of the fact that I said all men are created free and equal, and in the face of the fact that I set the precedent for national growth and expansion, I have today been called the father of a party that refuses to recognize the equal rights of the people; a party that opposes national growth and expansion; a party that has no higher motive than the gratification of its greed for office. Gentlemen, I refuse to be called the father of such a party. My dead bones would not lie still in their casket and let such an outrage be perpetrated against them. I was the father of the democratic party of the past, and right proud was I of my offspring. But the democratic party of today is none of mine. It is not even distantly related to me. I challenge your matchless orator to produce the least shadow of evidence that I taught the things his party is practicing today. I believed that the United States was destined to grow and expand and become a mighty power in the earth. And I put my belief into tangible form when I added the great territory of Louisiana to the national domain in 1803. That was the nation's first step in the direction of becoming a world power, and from that it has gone steadily on step by step until it has reached the highest point of eminence ever attained by any nation on the face of the globe.

"The democratic party as I organized it was a party of progress; a party with high and noble aims; a party which taught and practiced equal rights to all and special privileges to none. But how have the mighty fallen! The democracy of today is no more like my democracy than the glare of a cat's eye is like the headlight of a locomotive. I cannot ac-

count for the degeneracy of the party except upon the supposition that somewhere down the line there must have been a terrible political explosion, and in that explosion the democratic party got its backbone dislocated, its gall shifted to where its heart ought to be, and its brains completely destroyed. After that sad occurrence the poor old party didn't have sense enough to carry out the great work which it had begun, and consequently there arose another great apostle of liberty in the person of Abe Lincoln. He it was who organized the republican party, and the mantle of fair government and justice to all, which the democratic wreck was no longer able nor willing to carry, was placed upon the back of the republican elephant. The elephant has proven himself worthy of his mantle, and his fame has gone out into every land.

"Your matchless orator has just been telling you how he loves and honors the teachings of Jefferson. Will he kindly stand up and tell me where and when I taught that men ought to be disfranchised and driven from the polls on account of race or color? Will he kindly tell me where and when I expressed the opinion that a government by force and fraud is better than a government of the people, by the people and for the people? Will he kindly tell me where and when I taught that election thieves should be defended at the expense of the commonwealth they robbed? These are a few of the things that are practiced by the democrats of the present day, and Mr. Bryan claims to be a democrat. If he is true to the party which he has led, and which he still wants to lead, he is not true to me and my teachings, for they are as far apart as 'from the center thrice to the utmost pole.'

"Gentlemen, you cannot make my name a cat's paw to rake the dumpings of office into your plates. I am too old for a game like that. I have heard the term 'Jefferson democrats' applied to political pirates and unscrupulous election thieves until I am heartily tired of it. I here and now enter a protest against the further use of my name in connection with the doings of present-day democrats. Hereafter you may name your harmony dinners after Cleveland, or Bryan, or Hearst, or Parker. They are all harmony men. Each one has a different sort of harmony which he wants the party to adopt. I advise you to mix them up thoroughly and have harmony hash for your next dinner. Now I must be peeing along back toward my grave. Good bye."

As the skeleton rattled off down the hall and out of the door, the banqueters all cast a few excited glances at Mr. Bryan, who was vainly trying to put his hat on something that looked more like a porcupine than a great editor's head, and without speaking a word they all slid through a back door and were gone. —Yellow Jacket.

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